

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 22, 1917, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. Sunday, April 22, 1917. Alec darling:

I've just received this note.

My dear Mrs. Bell:

I have yours of yesterday and I approve of every bit of it. I have in my syndicate 30 of the largest papers of the country. If you will send me that number of copies I will mail one to each of my editors with a request that he publish it. A sentence from your letter to me might make the appeal even stronger.

Thanking you for remembering me in this appeal I am,

Sincerely yours, Frank G. Carpenter.

Isn't this nice? I haven't said very much to you or anybody about my writing this because I haven't dared to think about it. If I did I'd go all to pieces with doubts and fears. Gretchen encouraged me a great deal and then Daisy came in and saw what I had written and they cut it down a little as they said I repeated too much and then Bert saw it and approved and he read it at his dinner party, and then Elsie brought the Secretary of the Women's section one and she took it at once and said they wanted it and would send it broadcast. I had not thought of signing it, simply wrote it in the hope some society would see enough in it to send it out as part of their propaganda, but they wanted the name also.

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I want you dreadfully.

Much love. Your Mabel. It's lovely and I am taking Miss MacKenzie and Mrs. McCurdy to Wild Acres where the family join us and we go altogether to the Great Falls for supper. Mr. McCurdy is the same as ever, only bigger and very prosperous looking.